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FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

REMARKS

Each of the listed Japanese documents (JP-A-62-189823, JP-A-5-252165, JP-B2-4-148411, and JP-A-63-107254) was cited in a Japanese Official Action of a counterpart foreign patent application corresponding to the above-referenced application. The Official Action was mailed on April 3, 2001. A translation of the

Official Action is enclosed. The documents cited in the Official Action may be pertinent for the reasons noted therein.

A partial translation for Japanese Patent Publication (B2) No. 4-14811 is also enclosed, along with an Abstract for Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application (A) No. 61-70823 which according to a commercial database corresponds to the B2 document.

Both a partial translation and Abstract for Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 63-107254 are also enclosed.

It will be appreciated that Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Nos. 62-189823 and 5-252165, which were cited in the Official Action, were cited in the Information Disclosure Statements filed June 19, 2001, and April 27, 2000, respectively; accordingly, these documents are not listed on the Form PTO-1449, although Abstracts for these documents have been provided and are so listed.

FORMAL MATTERS

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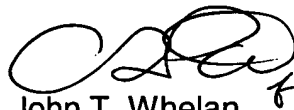
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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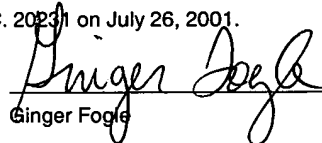
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